

# SHARP QUERIES PUT

## Head of East Side Clubs Criticizes City Administration.

### OTHER INTERESTS SCORED

Activity in Behalf of Public Market Classed as Pernicious—Size of Working Force, Automobiles, Costs, Questioned.

I. M. Lepper, president of the Greater East Side United Improvement Clubs Association, an organization combining 56 improvement organizations of the East Side, has written a long, scathing letter of criticism of the present city administration and the methods of transacting city affairs.

- Following are extracts from the communication:**
- "The Realty Board, all the newspapers, grocers, jobbers, commission merchants and wholesalers have suddenly discovered that a public market is a splendid thing. It was just as good before, but they are now all so interested in the reasons for the sudden activity and desire for public markets, on the part of certain organizations (or creeps) may read; but the public market idea and need is imperative, notwithstanding all that."
- "There is no question in the minds of thousands of practical citizens, but that the number of city employees, even now, be reduced and cut down in all departments and thus lower our tax levy. We ask that you see how saving and economical you can be, rather than how many friends you can put into fat positions of ease to waste the taxpayers' money."
- "Is there any good reason for this fetish of a so-called Health Inspectors, Stable Inspectors and others of like ilk, who are wandering around over this city like lost souls, even going in pairs, without having courteous it would not be so bad, but they are not. They go around, cheery and swelled up like 'poisoned pups' as we were ordered citizens to do this and to do that, and giving them five days to do things which would require six months—We mean the laying of concrete floors in stables."
- "Other cities have gone through this same fetish and have cut it out and got down to a practical basis. Perhaps it is all right for these inspectors to believe each in his own immaculate conception, but some of them should be careful not to get into his own monument, because they are getting the whole administration in bad. Why not cut them all out and let the policemen do this job? It would make him a better policeman, by giving him something out of the ordinary routine to do; it will keep him from brooding over being a policeman."
- "We understand that the captain of harbor patrol has seven policemen under him, besides his horse 'Nigger,' if we see 'Nigger' as a city employee, brood the other day and pliffed some fruit on Front street. Would it be lawful to create 'Nigger' Why patrol our harbor with a horse and buggy, anyway? The Willamette is not that thick, surely. We would suggest that this captain be given one man besides himself, to help work his boat and that the patrol be on the water, and not on land."
- Query is of "Dead Ones."**
- "And, again, we are inquiring as to how many dead ones—i. e., useless and inefficient city employees—there are employed in the Parks and Street-Cleaning Departments?"
- "And, again, there is a feeling by the taxpayers that the Auditor's office is too heavy with employees—some have been in the city's employ too long, that many of them could be dispensed with and the work go along just the same. The same is felt toward the Treasurer's office. Criticism is that the City Treasurer is a mere clerk under the new form, that there is too much riding around in an automobile for a clerk, that salaries are too high in the Treasurer's office, and that ladies would be more efficient for less money."
- "And, again, there is much criticism about the purchase of so many automobiles. Some say they can hardly go down the street without having to jump out of the way of a police siren, fire siren or other department machine. It being a case of 'the quick or the dead' all of it surely is not as rushing as the siren indicate, there being no fires or street speeches in sight. Some say that soon every man in the Engineer's Department will be using an auto at a cost of from \$10 to \$15, or whatever it costs a day, besides his salary. Other departments are regarded likewise. All of our citizens do not have autos, hence there is some reason why they should object to every city employe, claiming to be a brain worker, having one."
- The letter rambles on with page after page of this same sort of information and criticism.

Commissioner Bigelow addressed the Alberta Woman's Club Thursday night



# Gill's Christmas Message

**CHRISTMAS!** A magical word—to the children it means days of anticipation—to their elders it brings memories of childhood days—of friends far away—of the old folks at home.

**CHRISTMAS!** Twelvemonth apart, but preparation for it confined to a few short weeks.

**CHRISTMAS,** to GILL'S, means three hundred and sixty-five days of preparation. **THREE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE** days of searching the markets of the world for the many, many new things for gift giving that will gladden the hearts of young and old.

Today we will briefly tell you of our books. The ideal Christmas Gift—the gift that gladdens on Christmas Day, and serves its purpose every day—every year.

### Books of Travel

All the most interesting titles on this fascinating subject. All the plain and elaborate bindings. All the popular and worth while authors.

### Standard Authors in Sets

It will be a revelation to you to see the many wonderful sets of beautifully bound books we have gathered together in our specially arranged room for the care of these superior volumes. Examine them at your leisure.

### Juvenile Books

For the children we have an interesting collection of the most favored titles for the little ones of all ages—boys or girls.

### The New Fiction

Of course our assortment of the late novels is complete—noteworthy just now being "Crowds," the new story of compelling interest and contemporaneous thought. See these new books on the first floor.

### Religious Books

Bibles, Testaments, Prayer Books, Hymnals. Does this not contain a wealth of suggestion to you? There is a sentiment to the gift of such books that is appropriate to Christmas.

### Important Gift Books

Our special gift books embrace so many titles listing here is impossible—the bindings and illuminations, too, are of great variety, and possess originality well in keeping with character of the work.

### SECTIONAL BOOKCASES

What more desirable than a book case. The Globe-Wernicke cases are good ones, and are supplied in every style and finish, suitable either for the office or the home. They are not expensive either.

*Gifts for Old and Young, for Everyone!*

# GILL'S

THE J. K. GILL COMPANY  
THIRD AND ALDER STREETS

### GAMES AND NOVELTIES

For the children we have a splendid line of the new games—many of them have educational value, and all are interesting. The second floor shows a splendid assortment of novelty desk sets—cards, favors, etc.

at the home of Mrs. Josephine R. Sharp, 1923 East Twenty-fourth street. He commended the objects of the club and urged that the women of the district support it. A committee was appointed to confer with Commissioner Daily about the installation of more lights. Next Thursday night Mrs. Althea H. Weisendanger will address the club on "What Women Can Do."

### TEAM TRACK ISSUE HEARD

State Railroad Commission Considers Lumber Firm's Plea.

After hearing all the testimony in the complaint brought by the Kenton Lumber Company against the O. W. R. & N. Company for failure to provide use of team tracks in North Portland to cars received from other lines, the State Railroad Commission has the case under advisement and probably will render a decision within the next 30 or 60 days.

The tariff of the O. W. R. & N. Company specified that the switching or team tracks of its lines were for use only for such traffic as moves over its lines, and not for the traffic of connecting lines. The Kenton Lumber Company sought to force the company to switch cars originating on other roads to a track about 200 feet from its plant.

A practice such as is suggested by the complaint is contrary to existing railroad practices, and is not sought by the railroads that would be benefited, it was pointed out.

### TACOMA GIRL IS ENTERTAINED AT ELABORATE PARTY HERE.



MISS ADELINE DANA.

A most enjoyable event was the large party given Thursday by Dr. Louise Anderson and Mr. Anderson in honor of their niece, Miss Adeline Dana, of Tacoma, at their home on Halsey street.

A novel and interesting feature of the evening was the mock wedding ceremony, in which participated Mr. Hammond as bride, Miss Dana as bridegroom, Miss Maria Correll as maid of honor, Mr. Nerguard as best man, Miss Janice Damon as ringbearer and Emil Christensen as minister.

Several tables of five hundred were played, the first prize being awarded to Miss Dana and Mr. Hammond. Mrs. Dugman and Mr. Paulson receiving the consolation prize.

Following the games a beautifully appointed banquet was served. The tables were decorated with a profusion of cut flowers and ferns. Here also orange and black predominated in the dainty place cards and favors.

The guests were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Martin West, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Paulson, Miss Einar Paulson, Mr. and Mrs. August Rosen, Mr. and Mrs. Kasberg, Mr. and Mrs. Gallo, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dugman, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rasmussen, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weide, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cook, Henry Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Christensen, Mr. and Mrs. Levent Damon, Miss Janice Damon, Miss Adeline Dana, Miss Maria Correll, Frederick Anderson, Mr. Nerguard, Mr. Hammond, Mrs. Peterson, Masters Charles and Raymond West, Miss Elizabeth Hoben, Miss Kathryn Hoben and Miss Johanna Peterson.

### HILL SYSTEM BENEFITS

WYOMING CROSS-CUT BY BURLINGTON NEAR COMPLETION.

Twohy Bros., of Portland, Have Contract for Work on Short Route to Galveston, Tex.

Work on the Burlington's extension from Thermopolis, Wyo., to Orin Junction, Wyoming, which will give the Hill system its new short line between Portland and Galveston, Tex., is nearing completion rapidly. This work is under contract to Twohy Bros., of Portland.

All the grading and bridge work between Thermopolis and Powder River has been completed. Grading and bridge work between Powder River and Orin Junction is under way and will be completed soon after the first of the year.

Through freight service between Portland and points in Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas will be inaugurated as soon as this new line is completed. There is already a considerable movement of cotton and other Southern products over existing Hill lines to Portland for export. This Burlington cut-off, however, will make this movement much quicker, more convenient to the shipper and more profitable to the railroads.

It has been reported that the Hill lines will be able, with this new route to Galveston, to handle lumber from the Northwest to Galveston by rail and from Galveston to New York by water at a rate that will meet the all-water rate between Portland and New York via the Panama Canal.

The Hill system controls the all-rail line between Portland and Orin Junction, the various units being the North Bank between Portland and Spokane, the Great Northern between Spokane and Billings, Mont., the Burlington between Billings and Orin Junction, Wyo., and the Colorado and Southern between Orin Junction and Galveston.

The ownership in the Hill system also will work into this combination. Freight will be handled over that route between Pasco and Billings, instead of over the Great Northern between Spokane and Billings. The natural competition between the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific will aid the Portland-Galveston route materially, as the two sets of agents will be in a constant struggle for business, yet both working for the same general result—the aggrandizement of the Hill system.

This new line still will leave possibilities for additional savings in distance and the elimination of the long roundabout haul through Spokane. If business of the future justifies it is probable that these further improvements will be made.

A tentative route has been selected. The existing Northern Pacific line that terminates at Grangeville, Idaho, will be extended along the Salmon River to Leadore, Idaho, where it will connect with the Gilmore & Pittsburg. The amount of grade and curvatures of this new route would save more than 300 miles between Portland and Billings and would eliminate an enormous amount of grade and curvatures.

Twohy Bros., who are building the new line between Thermopolis and Orin Junction, are not using much of their own equipment on the work. Most of it is being done by sub-contractors who are located more convenient to the project. A number of Portland men, however, are engaged on the job in various capacities.

### Mining Firm Incorporates.

ASHLAND, Oct. 15.—(Special.)—Although incorporated under the laws of California and having its principal

### ALERT BIBLE CLASS ACTIVE

Distribution of Magazines to Hospital Feature of Work.

The Alert Bible Club of the White Temple, the First Baptist Church, is a class of men between the ages of 18 and 30 years. One of the activities of the club is its work of distributing magazines to two of the large hospitals of Portland and three other organizations in the city where reading matter is greatly needed.

The club plans to place 5000 magazines in the hands of those who need them within the next six months. It also assists in two missionary stations

### More Cash Last Week Than Ever

Buying of Pianos and Player Pianos for Cash Beyond Expectation.

Portland Piano Sensation—A Sensation in More Than One Way—Now in Cash Sales.

Large Increase in Sales Continues From Week to Week, in Pianos and Player Pianos.

Exquisite styles—delightfully sweet tone—very easy repeating action—a singing quality that will charm you into buying one of these splendid pianos.

There has not been a half-hearted selling day since this Removal Sale began. The first buyers who responded to our ads realized that the Graves Music Co. was offering Pianos and Player Pianos away below what they were ever sold for, and these purchasers, along with the many who came later, have carried the good news to their friends and neighbors even faster and more convincingly than our daily newspapers. Every day brought new and increased numbers buying for cash.

Buying Pianos or Player Pianos as an investment for cash or on time—the latter is like opening a bank account in buying on monthly installments—depositing \$6 or \$10 monthly—the most truly conservative investment if you will during time of the Removal Sale. Price New \$350 Pianos for \$125—new \$450 Player Pianos for \$225—these pianos, therefore, cannot ever depreciate in value, but remain firm and secure as per under any and all conditions. The more nearly an investment approaches perfect stability in value, the more completely it is freed from any trace of speculative element. You can readily see that when buying new \$350 Pianos at \$125—\$225 Player Pianos at \$95—you can sell them after 3 years of wear as used pianos at \$250 or \$325, when they need pay \$250 or \$350 for new ones, and, therefore, you see the real reason why you can buy a Piano during time of the Graves Music Co. Removal Sale, making the purchase an investment with multiple safeguards stability in value.—Adv.

"Kit" writes: "I am far below normal weight. I suffer with headaches and dizziness. I am nervous to the point of exhaustion. If you can tell me something to help me I shall be very grateful."

Answer: I can prescribe nothing so effective as a thorough course of three-grain hypo-nutrient tablets. These tablets will aid in extracting the nutrition from the food which will increase the red blood supply, overcome nervousness and you will become plump and healthy.

"Sarah" says: "Can anything be done for one who is bothered with rheumatism. If so, please reply."

Answer: You can be relieved of your rheumatism if you take the following: Mix by shaking well and take a teaspoonful at meal times and at bedtime and you will soon be cured. Comp. 5 oz. wine of colchicum, one-half oz. sodium salicylate, 4 drams; iodide of potassium, 2 drams.

"Ray" writes: "Can a sufferer from bronchitis be relieved? Doctors do not seem to help me, what would you suggest?"

Answer: To cure chronic cold, sore throat and bronchitis, I would advise the use of concentrated essence mentholaxene. Purchase this at any drug store in 15 or 30 packages and mix according to directions given on bottle and you will soon be relieved of all bronchial trouble. This will not only relieve, but will correct, and is very pleasant to take.

"Hilda" says: "I cannot eat without great distress after eating. I am sleepless and restless, nervous and irritable. Can you tell me anything that would cure me?"

Answer: Your trouble is all due to your stomach, which causes the nervous, restless, irritable, "broke" tablets in soiled cartons at par under any and all conditions. The more nearly an investment approaches perfect stability in value, the more completely it is freed from any trace of speculative element. You can readily see that when buying new \$350 Pianos at \$125—\$225 Player Pianos at \$95—you can sell them after 3 years of wear as used pianos at \$250 or \$325, when they need pay \$250 or \$350 for new ones, and, therefore, you see the real reason why you can buy a Piano during time of the Graves Music Co. Removal Sale, making the purchase an investment with multiple safeguards stability in value.—Adv.

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Answer: Your weight is excessive, and if it increases it may cause much suffering and embarrassment. I advise the regular use of 5-grain arbolone tablets, which are sold by most pharmacists in sealed tubes with full directions for self-administration.

"Carpenter" writes: "My liver and kidneys are in a bad condition. I have dizzy spells and dark spots before my eyes. Also have twinges of rheumatism. Can I be helped?"

Answer: To relieve kidney and liver trouble use three-grain sulphur tablets. These are packed in sealed tubes with full directions for taking. They act pleasantly and tone up the system. They are convenient, effective and highly curative.

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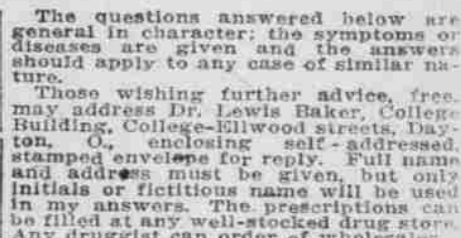
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Answer: I have prescribed antiseptic vilane powder and grateful letters from hundreds indicate that it is amazingly curative, but must be used occasionally to prevent a recurrence. Get a two-ounce original package of vilane powder; use a half teaspoonful to a pint of warm water. From the palm of the hand snuff the water through the nostrils until thoroughly cleansed, two or three times daily. Mix a level teaspoonful of vilane powder with an ounce of lard or vaseline and apply well up into the nostrils twice daily and your catarrh should soon be gone.

"Onda" writes: "I am troubled with itching scalp, dandruff and my hair is falling out. It is harsh and brittle. Can you help me?"

Answer: Plain Yellow Minjol is the best remedy for itching scalp, falling hair and dandruff that I know of. It can be bought in 4 oz. jars and if used according to directions will overcome discoloring of the hair and scalp. If the hair is harsh and brittle and you are bothered with those straggling locks, the use of minjol will restore that soft, fluffy appearance and bring back the intense natural color.—Adv.

## The DOCTOR'S ADVICE



The questions answered below are general in character; the symptoms of diseases are given and the answers should apply to any case of similar nature.

Those wishing further advice, free, may address Dr. Lewis Baker, College Building, College-Elliwood streets, Dayton, O., enclosing self-addressed, stamped envelope. Full name and address must be given, but only initials or fictitious name will be used in my answers. Prescriptions can be filled at any well-stocked drug store. Any druggist can order of wholesaler.

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